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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Cortland Nites to host Laser Tag event tonight

Cortland Nites will offer some alternative weekend entertainment by holding a Laser Tag night.

The event will take place this evening at 8 p.m. in the Corey Function Room. Students can bring their friends and prizes will be awarded, courtesy of Majority Rules.

'Muziq 4 Tha Cause' charity event tomorrow

The event, sponsored by the Caribbean Student Association (CSA), is an annual event to raise money for charity.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow night in the Corey Function Room. There will be live entertainment, food and a fashion show.

Veteran's Day Ceremony to honor past troops

A Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday in the Old Main mezzanine, followed by a reception in the Colloquium Room.

The ceremony is to allow students and community members to come and thank veterans from the surrounding area for their service.

Last Inequality series lecture held next week

Anthropologist Jennifer Burrell will speak about her experience in Guatemala researching Mesoamerica and Latin America.

The lecture, entitled "After War: Living Transitions in Highland Guatemala," will be at 4:30 p.m. in on Wednesday, Nov. 12 in Cornish D-304.

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Students celebrate Obama victory

Students react to groundbreaking Presidential Election

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

The sounds of cheers, applause and noisemakers loudly filled the streamer and balloon decorated room. Although this may sound like a scene from a New Year's Eve celebration, this

describes the picture of the Election party that was held at 7 p.m. in Sperry 105 on Election Day Tuesday.

About 100 students came out for the event, which included free refreshments, raffles and a live band performance.

Students and faculty members alike watched the election coverage unfold on two large big screen TVs that were tuned into CNN.

Supporters for both candidates turned out, many showing their support through custom T-shirts and campaign



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Obama addresses the crowd in Chicago after his victory.

stickers.

Many in the crowd debated amongst themselves on who was the better candidate.

The releasing of each state poll result was met with both cheers and boos from the packed crowd depending on which candidate was victorious over the state.

In the end, Democratic Senator Barack Obama was announced the 44th President of the United States and the first-ever African-American U.S. President, with a final Electoral College vote of 349 to 163 for John McCain. Obama also won the popular vote.

According to CNN.com, 66

percent of voters 18 to 29 years old voted for Obama. The youth vote accounted for 18 percent of votes, an improvement from the 2004 presidential election.

Obama was victorious in key swing states such as Virginia, Florida, Ohio and New Mexico and turned several former red states into blue.

Below is a list of some student reactions to the election:

"I am really excited Obama won because he is trying to help out the country, even though sometimes the media doesn't show

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photo by Erica Sanderson

Students look on in anticipation during the Election party.

Arun Gandhi teaches lessons of non-violence

Gandhi tells of lessons he learned from his grandfather

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

As most children were donning their costumes for a fun night of trick or treating, another exciting scene was unfolding last Friday; one that had nothing to do with jack-o-lanterns or sugary sweets.

Arun Gandhi, grandson of the famous non-violence thinker Mahatma Gandhi, delivered Halloween treats of wisdom and reflection at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 in Sperry 105.

The lecture was in conjunction with the 21st Annual Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference that was held from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

Philosophy professor Andrew Fitz-Gibbons introduced Gandhi after a moment of silence was given to allow the audience to concentrate and focus their thoughts.

Gandhi went on to describe the lessons he learned from his grandfather, whom he lived with for 18 months in India when he was 12 years old.

Gandhi explained that his grandfather was concerned with the "paralysis of analysis;" how societies overanalyze issues to the point where the original purpose is lost, so he wanted all of his writings to be burned with him when he died.

Evidently, that wish was never granted as millions pore over his work every year.

Gandhi expressed his disagreements with professors who say non-violence is a strategy to be used when convenient.

Rather, as Gandhi said, it is crucial that non-violence becomes a part of one's being which is incorporated into people's thinking and everyday lives until it is ingrained in them.

One of the biggest lessons Gandhi learned from his grandfather was when he was forced by his elder to search for a pencil in the woods that he had thrown away because it was too small.

Gandhi recalled the strenuous two hour search he performed to find the small object. Afterwards, his grandfather told him that the pencil was created from the world's natural resources and to throw even a small thing such as a pencil away,

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New York Times staff discusses coverage of the Beijing Olympics



photo by Vicky Paz

Sports Editor Tom Jolly speaks with student Dan Anadio.

Sports Editor and Web News Producer enlighten the campus

Vicky Paz
Editor-in-Chief

The New York Times' Sports Editor Tom Jolly and Web News Producer Justin Sablich, a 2005 Cortland alumnus, visited campus last Thursday evening for a panel

discussion on the publication's coverage of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China.

Sperry 204 was packed to the max with students and faculty as cameras flashed and John Hartssock, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, introduced the guests.

"Tom has at least a quarter-century of journalism experience," Hartssock said of his former

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Gandhi talks on non-violence

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is, in reality, throwing away the world's natural resources.

His grandfather further explained to him that consuming mass amounts of natural resources is not only violence against nature but violence against mankind who are, in turn, affected by the wastefulness of these natural resources.

One of the questions Gandhi posed to the audience was: "why is violence increasing in civilized societies around the world?"

His answer was the selfishness and greed of nations who are only motivated to partake in relationships when there is a beneficial aspect involved.

So, as Gandhi said, people only do what is good for them instead of what is good for the world and this attitude will result in society's own destruction.

"We are not here by accident; we are here for a purpose," Gandhi said, and the removing of the restrictive labels humans have slapped onto each other will free all of mankind to finally begin to accept each other and appreciate humanity.

The justice system also served as a subject for analysis. Gandhi believes that justice has been transformed into meaning revenge where punishment is the answer for criminals rather than reform and education.

Gandhi has focused on prison work, even in Buffalo and is an advocate for turning prisons into a place of reform.

A solution for violence that Gandhi offered was obtaining control over one's mental state and



photo by Erica Sanderson

Gandhi speaks on lessons learned from his grandfather.

thoughts so that a person can stop themselves from acting in that moment of anger and madness. People instead should choose the path of non-violence.

Gandhi's grandfather made him perform mental exercises every day to help him gain control of his consciousness.

Gandhi said that he would sit and stare at a single object for one minute and afterwards try to make the picture of that image remain in his mind.

"I thought he was very insightful on Western civilization; he was soft-spoken, down to earth and passionate about his grandfather's work," said Philosophy major Justin Maggio

After the lecture, Gandhi held a question and answer session where he offered responses to questions on terrorism and genocide, global relationships, environmental destruction and political institutions.

Olympics coverage

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colleague. "We used to work together on [*The Capitol* in Annapolis, MD] years ago."

After holding numerous careers at *The Capitol*, *The Delaware Gazette* and *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Jolly began working at *The New York Times* in 1993. He began as a copy editor, held several other editorial positions and was then given the title of Sports Editor in 2003.

"Justin is one of our own," Hartsock said of Sablich, who earned his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies with a journalism concentration from SUNY Cortland.

Months after obtaining his master's degree in New Media from S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, Sablich landed a job at *The New York Times* in July 2006, quickly working his way up from entry-level to the position he currently holds.

"What we have here are two journalists, each with different perspectives: one with a long career in the business and one who has recently started out," said Hartsock, which led to Jolly beginning the discussion.

"One of the things a lot of people don't appreciate is that the planning for the coverage of the Olympics begins well in advance of the game... We received our first round of credentials for the Vancouver Olympics which are not until February 2010" at a recent meeting in Chicago, he said.

The New York Times began planning for the Beijing Olympics not long after the Athens summer games in 2004.

Sports aside, "we thought China would be interesting for its cultural, political and economic issues," he said. "The arrival of American media and American athletes in Beijing represented the largest number of Americans in China since World War II."

The New York Times sent 32 people to cover the games in Beijing, one of the largest newspaper contingents second only to *USA Today*. All in all, approximately 200 people were directly involved in producing coverage for this year's Olympics.

As technology has progressed, so has the sophistication of news delivery, Jolly said, indicating that the internet was a significantly useful tool in Olympic coverage.

"Multimedia, blogging and

video are a big part of what we do... a lot of people began working on new ways to show coverage [online] two years before the games" even commenced.

Once the games began, *The New York Times* had staff members rotate work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, most of whom worked approximately 30 days in a row in order to ensure timeliness of news on the website.

"Justin had... the actual hands-on work of putting stuff out on the web and producing it," said Jolly as Sablich displayed the website on a projection screen to give the audience a taste of what he had worked on.

One feature of the website was a "filmstrip," an animated image that used photos and links to different forms of multimedia to highlight important stories of the day.

Sablich also showed the audience the website's twice-daily video reports from Beijing, called "Inside the Rings." Getting footage was a challenge because NBC has exclusive video rights to all the action, said Jolly.

Another notable feature Sablich displayed was "The Diver's View," an interactive image of Beijing's Olympic swimming pool arena, the Water Cube. Moving the mouse over the image enabled a 360-degree view of the area, depending on which direction the mouse was moved towards.

American diver Thomas Finchen narrated the interactive graphic as he described his own views inside the majestic Water Cube, which holds 17,000 people in the stands.

There were a handful of other features, such as a personalized interactive calendar of upcoming Olympic events and "The Rings" blog, which provided live coverage as different events were carried out.

The blog was a big part of coverage, Sablich and Jolly said, as it provided readers with up-to-date news and the ability to comment and chat with one another on the page. *The New York Times* received a lot of positive feedback on the website, especially from Chinese citizens.

"This was definitely a one-of-a-kind opportunity to personally hear from successful people, especially from a newspaper with such a legendary reputation," said junior Chris Ryan, a sports management major.

"I left [Sperry] tonight feeling inspired and enlightened."

Students' reactions to election

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that."

- Isidro Delarosa, senior

"Now that Obama has won, it makes me feel like I could be a Supreme Court Justice, my dream job; it's just ground-breaking."

- Tiffany Campbell, freshman

"Every election is historical and I think this one is too."

- Eric Earle, senior

"I hope Obama brings that change he promised, otherwise people will lose faith in the system."

- Stephen Lamaute, senior

"Obama winning was really emotional to me. It was something I thought I would never see in my lifetime."

- Joana Santos, junior

The presidency is going to see a new perspective now that we

have a minority in the White House and now we as minorities feel we have finally arrived."

- Sandra Hernandez, sophomore

"It's going to be interesting to see what he actually does."

- Bryan Elfant, junior

"I love Obama. I'm happy because I think Obama will change the country more than McCain would have."

- Krystle Caggiano, sophomore

"I'm glad Obama won and that he will hopefully change things."

- Courtney Toufaw, sophomore

"When I heard Obama speak that night, it was powerful and it was a man who was ready to lead."

- Aaron Thomas, junior

"I thought it was really surprising Obama won because he is a new candidate; it will be a positive change."

- Alison Reyes, junior

"I didn't like either candidate but I thought a lot more things would get done with Obama."

- Kayla Sherman, sophomore

"I was very happy to see the candidate I voted for win. I liked his policies and I hope he doesn't turn back on what he said."

- Zacc Guaragno, senior

"I was excited Obama won because I felt like if McCain won, it would have been another Bush administration."

- Richard Rolo, senior

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Breast cancer experience from a male view

Alumna's boyfriend discusses his side of her cancer battle

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

In efforts to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, senior Chris Hanson addressed a full house in a talk entitled "The Other Half of 21 with Cancer," at 7 p.m. on last Tuesday in the Jacobus Lounge.

Hanson started dating his girlfriend, 2008 alumna Colleen Cappon, when they were in the 10th grade in high school.

When Cappon told him in July 2007 that she was worried about a lump in her breast, he had no idea what was ahead of them.

"Twenty-one-year-olds don't get breast cancer. That's what everyone kept telling me," remembers Hanson.

On July 26, 2007 he recalled having the worst day of his life. Cappon found out that the lump they had removed from her breast was cancerous and that it had

tripled in size in nine days.

Hanson said his life began to unravel in slow motion as he searched his thoughts for what was to come next, oblivious to the medical jargon the doctors were throwing at him.

There is a history of breast cancer in Cappon's family; both her mother and sister have been diagnosed. Her family was very quick to react and start the treatments that she needed.

It was so traumatic for their family that Hanson didn't remember her parents smiling for five months.

Another scary and terrifying night came when they found out that the cancer had spread to her lymphnodes. She had three out of 15 removed in hopes of getting rid of the cancer for good.

Cappon, who was entering her senior year at Cortland when first diagnosed, gave a speech called "21 With Breast Cancer" to the campus about her experience in the fall 2007 semester.

Hanson talked about the treatments that he went to with his girlfriend. Every other Thursday, Hanson brought Cappon home to

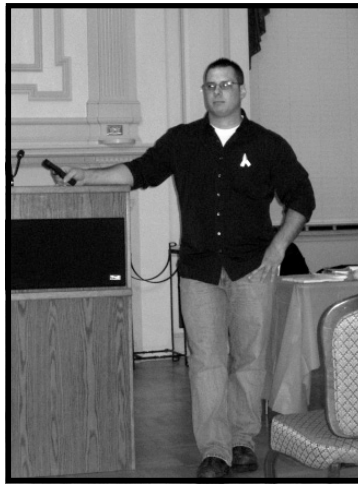


photo by Rebecca Job

Hanson tells "The Other Half of 21 with Cancer."

Watertown for chemotherapy treatments and even attended some with her.

The chemotherapy room was a nightmare said Hanson, "but she is probably the strongest woman I know."

Hanson stuck by her side while she battled breast cancer during her senior year of college.

"It was rough...It took a toll on both of us," said Hanson.

While under going chemotherapy, Cappon strived to

live a normal life by attending classes and having fun with her friends.

On Dec. 5, 2007, Colleen's treatments were finished.

"We cried and the nurses all hugged and kissed her. I never thought we'd make it through," said Hanson.

Two days after Christmas, Cappon had a double mastectomy so she wouldn't worry about the chance of the cancer coming back.

Now, the new topic of discussion was about the "shiny new ones," or the reconstructive surgery she would get before she ventured off on Spring Break with her friends that March.

His story brought a few tears as around the room because many people knew Cappon from when she attended Cortland.

Today, Colleen is living in Queens and is working for the Fox News Channel on the Huckabee Show as an elements producer.

Soon, Hanson will be joining Cappon in Queens to student-teach in NYC and to enjoy the big city while they're still young.

Diversity Talk

COR presentation grants insights into diversity and race

Chelsea Leone
Staff Writer

Joel McCarthy, the Associate Dean of Students at Wells College in Aurora, came to Cortland to give a Diversity Discussion titled, "I Know You are, but What am I: Exploring Race, Ethnicity and Identity Development in 2008" last Tuesday.

The discussion was given to a COR class and was geared towards openly speaking about racial stereotypes today.

McCarthy started the discussion by having everyone go around the room and say their entire name and explain what each name means.

This elicited conversation amongst the students in the class to be honest and open about stereotypes that have affected them in the past or present.

He also did an exercise where the class had to finish the sentence "I am..." with one word.

The lists were a series of adjectives about oneself as well as their descent. This helped everyone identify with who they are as well as see common traits that they shared.

McCarthy spoke about institutionalized racism such as racial profiling, stereotyped racial

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American impact on Iraq analyzed

Representative from Baghdad tells of Iraq before and after war

Amy Marshall
Staff Writer

Yousif Al-Saka, a Presbyterian Church representative from Baghdad, Iraq discussed the situation in Iraq before and since the U.S. declared war and the conflict's effects on the state of Iraq and its citizens on Thursday, Oct. 30 in the Jacobus Lounge.

The presentation which was a part of the Sandwich Seminar, an educational and informative series held in Brockway hall Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. It was entitled, "Christianity in Baghdad, Iraq: Separate and Unequal."

Al-Saka is an elder and chairman of the Presbyterian Church in Baghdad as well as General Secretary of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Iraq.

Al-Saka has found his way to Cortland as a part of an "International Peacemaker" tour. His visit was sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Peacemaking Program which is based out of Louisville, KY.

Al-Saka began with background information on Iraq such as its origins in Mesopotamia and ancient civilizations and then discussed some basic information such as population size, the capital and the state of Iraq before American occupation.

Al-Saka continued with a quick slideshow of pictures containing the state of Iraq before American occupation.

He showed the audience many important landmarks, rivers, architecture, and schools in Baghdad and contrasted this with pictures of the demolished city in the aftermath of the American occupation.

The center of Al-Saka's speech contained three main points detailing Iraq's state after American occupation.

The first point was that the country has a loss of security. Their borders are open and unprotected, and terrorists come and go through the city.

Second, the entire infrastructure of Iraq has been completely demolished.

There is no electricity, water supply or sewage systems. The city is flooded, ruining roadways,

and bombing has disturbed water lines polluting tap water.

Lastly, economic cycles have stopped causing an increase in unemployment due to the city's destruction.

Following his brief presentation, Al-Saka opened the room up to questions from the audience.

Some important topics touched upon during the question period were his thoughts on Saddam Hussein's removal from power and terrorist occupation.

Al-Saka reported that although Iraqis wanted to see change regarding Hussein, they did not want to see it happen this way. Al-Saka said that destroying Iraq and killing Iraq people was not the change they wanted or needed.

He also discussed the presence of terrorists in Iraq explaining that prior to American occupation, there was no Al-Qaida in the country.

However, after American occupation and the loss of security of Iraq and its borders, the terrorist group has found a good medium to grow in Iraq.

"The first casualty of war is the truth," says Dudgeon.

Economics Department holds panel on national economy

Professors explain what led to current economic collapse

Ashley Jones
Staff Writer

Within the growing economic crisis, there has been much confusion. Five Cortland economics professors attempted to clear up the confusion at 4:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Professors Howard Botwinick, Alan Haight, Lisi Krall, Biru Paul, and Susanne Polley, all PhD recipients, took their turns explaining the crisis and offering suggestions as to what may eventually solve this problem.

However, as Professor Botwinick reminded, economics is not an exact science. It is subject to vast interpretation and all too often, disagreements abound.

While there were many solutions, professors did agree that credit problems and government deregulation seemed to be at the heart of the crisis.

In terms of the credit problems, Professors Paul, Polley and Haight, spoke adamantly about how the low interest rates, due to low inflation rates, made mortgages



photo by Ashley Jones

The five economics professors who sat on the panel.

look more attractive and motivated people to take out loans who could not afford them.

Through the process of securitization, the banks then bundled these loans and re-sold them to increase their monetary turnover rate.

Many of these loan bundles were sold to private companies that used the payments to help fund their businesses, so when homeowners default on their mortgages it hurts everybody down the line, all the way to the employees of the companies.

According to the entire panel, government deregulation and a laissez-faire economic policy also fed this crisis.

Professor Krall sees it as a profound ideological change, wherein the economy moves closer to free market capitalism. Such a market is believed to be efficient. However, she claims that these markets are generally not efficient and lead to instability.

Deregulation takes many forms and has many effects. Professor Haight sees many problems in the lack of bank

examiners, savings and loan problems and repealing regulations.

Under such deregulation, nothing prevented the banks from giving out loans to people who could not afford them. Thus, with a lack of regulation in investment housing, banks were able to keep lending to unreliable homeowners, Haight explained.

Professor Krall was particularly concerned about the deregulation of oil. It used to be regulated but now after its deregulation, 25 to 50 percent of oil increase is due to speculation.

Professor Botwinick points to a number of other unhealthy trends in the economy that effect the severity of the problem.

The laissez-faire economics have hallowed out the U.S. economy, leading to a downward trend in living standards and an explosion of the economic gap. This is coupled with unprecedented amounts of debt and disappointing rates of economic growth.

Because the deregulation has led to the securitization of loans, everything is intricately woven together. When one section begins to fray, such as defaulting on loans, the whole thing has the potential

to come undone.

For example, Professor Polley claims that as the credit crisis becomes exacerbated, banks cannot give out loans to companies. Many companies need these loans simply as a bridge to pay off operating expenses or to make payroll.

When companies cannot make ends meet because they can't obtain these loans, they stop spending, further aggravating the situation.

Unfortunately, there is no clear cut solution. Many professionals disagree on the course to be taken.

Some believe we simply need to weather the situation and it will resolve on its own, while others believe that something needs to be done.

Many do concede however, that faith must be restored in the investment system and that lending practices need to be more regulated.

The good news, according to Professor Haight, is that the mortgage crisis will act as a kind of progressive tax for many young people, like college kids, looking into buying a home as they will be able to find them at incredibly cheap prices.

Diversity explored

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caricatures, standardized testing and gender privileges.

He threw around random stereotypes such as "Why are all Band-Aids the same skin tone?" As well as the change of name in the box of Crayola crayons from "flesh" to beige.

He made the claim that life is easiest for white males in America. He also had everyone in the class state stereotypes that are common in society.

The speech closed with the question, "What can you do in your community to help end racism?"

His suggestions included



photo by Chelsea Leone

McCarthy discusses racial stereotypes and profiling.

confronting the situation and not letting others make racial jokes.

Election 2008: The day after

Political Science Department explains how Obama won

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

Going into election night, there was speculation that there would be another close call, another slim margin of victory.

Apparently all that speculation was wrong, as Barack Obama beat John McCain 349 to 162, well ahead of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

So much has been made of this election. From the end of the Bush Administration, to an African American candidate. Then there is the Iraq War, economic crisis and the ever-growing deficit of America, which is well over \$10 trillion.

With so much at stake, Obama has a lot on his plate when he takes over on Jan. 20, 2009.

Hoping to help make sense of what this historic election will mean, the Political Science Department held a seminar in the Jacobus Lounge at 12:30 p.m., the day after the election, Nov. 5.

The head of the department, Richard Spitzer, stated five reasons why Obama won the election, the first being that Obama won on the issues at the right time.

The economy is continually suffering, and it isn't helping that Wall Street is in crisis.

However, throughout it all, people have looked to Obama, who has remained calm and determined that things will improve, said Spitzer.

As Obama said in his victory speech, "The road ahead will be long, our climb will be steep."

Many believe that the economic crisis has helped the Democratic Party, since most equate the problems to the Republican party, Spitzer remarked.

Second, Obama won the ground game. He spent over \$600 million, and in September alone raised \$150 million.

He also was persistent in getting people to register and vote and utilized the internet and various forms of technology. In addition, said Spitzer, Obama led a focused and positive campaign.

Obama also formed a new winning coalition. He expanded his base and spread his message to all corners of America.

He campaigned effortlessly to win votes in border and Western states that the Republicans held back in 2004.

Obama also spoke to the young voters, and it paid off. In 2004, 17 percent of people 18 to 29 voted, and in 2008 that number was up to 21 percent, Spitzer stated.

The final two reasons for Obama's victory, according to Spitzer, had to do with the Republican party.

First off, this election signified the end of George Bush. People want to see change, and for many Obama proved the better candidate. The sum of Bush's two terms will leave the Republican Party in poor standing in many Americans eyes, Spitzer reasoned.

Finally, Spitzer claimed that John McCain could not have won this election no matter what he did. There was too much against him, from his attitude, to the party he ran under and his Vice-Presidential

choice of Sarah Palin.

Many believe Sarah Palin dragged him down and saw her as a poor choice.

McCain also had poor campaign decisions and ultimately no matter what candidate ran for the Republican party, they would have had a tough road ahead of them, Spitzer concluded.

Obama's campaign slogan was "Change We Need". With that in mind, just what can Obama do in four years?

In the short term, he can appoint his economic team, cabinet members, and create a plan of action for immediate help.

Obama can also lift the ban on stem cell research, which was enacted by George Bush. As far as his Tax and Health Care plans are concerned, the panel believed that he may not be able to carry them out as originally planned, but that he should be able to negotiate and come to a reasonable agreement with Congress.

The panel also believed that the transition would be a smooth one. They said that the Bush Administration will help, as Bush knows it is the right thing to do and that he can not afford to tarnish his image any more.

Obama will have his work cut out for him, but with the help of the American people, anything is possible.

As he said in his speech, "We may not get there in one year, or even in one term; but America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there."

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Our View

The Dragon Chronicle would like to commend all those who went to the polls on Nov. 4 and participated in this year's presidential election. We can be confident that the youth vote makes a difference, and it was seen yesterday just how much we influence the direction of this nation.

Furthermore, we would like to thank the Political Science Association, Department of Political Science, Education Club, College Republicans, History Club and the History Department for organizing the election event on campus Tuesday night.

The event was a huge success and people from all political parties attended to support their candidates and watch the results. It was inspiring to see people engaged in debates with each other and interacting with faculty.

This was a historical election, and the turnout was impressive. Well done, Cortland.

Celebrate Cortaca responsibly

Students need to remember who they are representing

Michael Pitaro
Assistant Director of
Judicial Affairs

As you are all well aware, this year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cortaca Jug game. This weekend is a great time for school spirit and pride. The Judicial Affairs Office would like to remind students that they are responsible for their behavior on and off campus, as well as the behavior of their campus guests.

Students are responsible for following the Code of Student Conduct both on campus and in the campus community. We encourage you to review the Code in an effort to make good choices. The Code can be found online at www.cortland.edu/judaffairs.

The legal drinking age is 21 in the State of New York and at Cortland. Students who are 21 or older and choose to consume alcohol are encouraged to do so responsibly, and not to drive if they have consumed alcohol. Please remember that you are responsible for your behavior even

if you are under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Those students, who are under 21 year old and choose to consume, possess or be knowingly in the presence of alcohol, will be choosing to violate the college policy and New York State law.

Please remember that if you are choosing to attend the game and to celebrate after the game, you do so responsibly.

As written in a letter by the Vice Presidents for Student Affairs for both Cortland and Ithaca College, you are reminded that your behavior at the game reflects your college. Any behavior that violates the Code of Student Conduct may result in judicial action. The same applies for your behavior when you are in the Cortland community. Please respect your neighbors as you celebrate the game.

The Cortland City Council recently passed a new nuisance party ordinance. It may result in more student arrests if students are engaging in loud partying off-campus. Please pay attention to your conduct so that this will not happen to you.

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Good Samaritan Policy is designed and in place for this reason. Please take a moment to read the policy. If you have any questions, please contact a member of your Hall Staff or the Judicial Affairs Office.

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Please make the best of this weekend and enjoy the game responsibly and cheer as the Red Dragons battle for the Cortaca Jug.

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Putting your best foot forward

A person's clothes say a lot about how one wants to be perceived

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You've got a job interview coming up. You're picking out the clothes you're going to wear and you're giving lots of thoughts to all the details. What color do I wear? Do I wear a skirt, a dress, or dress slacks? Do I wear a sports coat or a three-piece suit?

You know the drill. You want to stand out from the others and you really want to be considered for the job.

Sure, your resume will help and the knowledge you have will be important, but there are a lot of people being interviewed. You know that first impressions matter.

Now picture yourself in a more casual setting. It's a Friday night and you are getting ready to go out for the evening.

Maybe you're going to the movies with a bunch of friends or over to the ice arena to watch a hockey game. Perhaps you are

going down to a bar or maybe over to a friend's house for a casual pizza party.

You go through a similar routine that you went through with the job interview only this time you have a different outcome in mind. Again, you dress for success.

They say that the clothes make the man. Well, I beg to differ. I say that the clothes reflect upon the individual wearing them. If our clothes could talk, man, the things they would say. And some of our clothes do talk, quite literally.

You spot someone wearing designer clothes, carrying a Gucci bag and you make assumptions about the individual wearing them. You turn the corner and pass by someone wearing clothes that have obviously seen better days.

And perhaps you catch a whiff of filth or body odor as you walk by. Again, you make assumptions. I am not saying that this is right or wrong but merely that people make assumptions based on what other people wear. And you know what they say about assumptions.

Now, picture yourself as the one wearing the clothes that others will see. Your t-shirt is a dark color with very bright, light lettering or maybe it is a light colored t-shirt with dark lettering.

Either way the contrast between the two is sure to get you noticed.

Slogans on clothes promote organizations, causes and beliefs. A person choosing to wear a particular t-shirt typically supports the slogan(s) that they wear. It could simply be the name of the school they attend, the sport that they follow, the organization to which they belong or the cause that they support.

Why are these clothes made and then worn? Simply put, to encourage others to attend school X, to join group K, or to support belief W. We wear them because we are proud of what they say.

So then what does it say about an individual who chooses to create, sell, and/or to wear an article of clothing that contains x-rated graphics, that promotes drinking to excess and, by implication, under-age drinking?

What if the shirt has foul language on it? Does this promote good sportsmanship? Is this really how you want our school, your organization, and our students to be seen by the general public? I hope not.

Cortaca is coming. Let's show some good taste for a change and let's keep the rivalry on the field where it belongs.

What do you have to say?

IF YOU COULD TALK TO ANY PERSON FOR FIVE MINUTES, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?



photo by Danielle Eckert

"Ellen DeGeneres because it probably would be the greatest time of my life."

Ayelet Negri
Senior
ESL Education



photo by Danielle Eckert

"It depends on the type of conversation. Robin Williams for celebrities, Jesus for a religious figure and Abraham Lincoln for a political figure."

Brandon Herwick
Senior
Physical Education



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"I would speak to my grandfather one last time because I never got to say goodbye."

Cecelia Kotheimer
Freshman
Chemistry Education



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"I would definitely pick Jesus just to see if he really exists."

Kevin Smith
Freshman
Athletic Training



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"Peyton Manning because I just love him."

Jill Cole
Freshman
Geology Education

Others fought so you don't have to

For those who couldn't always vote, now is the time

Brittany Hays
Staff Writer

For the past eight years this country has been through a lot under President Bush's leadership. We have entered a war where too many people have lost their lives and the economy is going through one of the worst financial crises, being called worse than the Great Depression. Now more than ever, America needs change, and on Nov. 4, Americans had the chance

to change their futures by voting in the 2008 election.

History was made Tuesday night when Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States. For many African-Americans, this night seemed impossible and many thought that they would never see a president of color elected in their lifetime. Their dreams have now come true, but things have not always been this way. That is why it is so important, especially for women and minorities, to exercise their right to vote.

Since America is a democratic nation, all citizens have the right to vote and to voice their opinions as to who they want to run their

country. People have had to risk their lives and struggle for many years in order to have this happen. Today some Americans take for granted what it means to have the right to vote for whom they want to run their country.

If you look at other countries around the world women have no personal freedoms and are permanently enslaved to their husbands. Just like women, minorities have had to face a long struggle to have the right to vote. Activists such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy have fought hard to see this day come. Many African Americans risked

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Sigma Delta Tau gives back

Sorority makes strides to end child abuse and neglect

Megan Connor
Contributing Writer

As you may not know, sororities as well as fraternities have philanthropy events that raise money as a whole organization and support their causes 100%.

One program is Sigma Delta Tau's Prevent Child Abuse America. This program is influential and involved in preventing child abuse and neglect in the United States. Since the sorority began they have set out to help Prevent Child Abuse America as much as they can.

You may not realize it, but three out of four children under the age of four die every day. The cause is abuse or neglect.

Child abuse happens every five seconds throughout the United States and every 10 seconds a report is made. Our

children are being abused and neglected and it needs to be prevented. Without help the cycle will continue. It has been found one-third of abused children will later abuse their own children.

Sigma Delta Tau wants to prevent this. We're raising money to donate as well as raising people's awareness that abuse still occurs. It needs to be talked about. It needs to be addressed and that's what we want to do. You can help too.

SDT dorm storms are one way. We also have tables in Corey throughout the year. You can contact someone from the sorority or just go online to Prevent Child Abuse America's website and donate there. Remember a dollar goes a long way.

In addition we, as a sorority, have a tentative date for a Balloon Popping function on Campus. It will include games and food and everyone will win something. Keep your eyes open for the date for this event. It won't be until the end of the semester.

Trick or treat your way to a new president

Mask sales consistently predict election outcome

Alison Monroe
Contributing Writer

Once again, the sales of coffee cups and Halloween masks have successfully predicted the results of a Presidential Election.

This has been occurring since the 2000 election race of George W. Bush and Al Gore; it continued through the election race of 2004. Have we gone too far with commercialism? Some thought sales would have slowed down with recent economic movements, but apparently, we are still buying.

The trend began with the selling of candidates' faces to be used as Halloween masks right before election.

After the 1996 election, a trend in sales was connected to the election results; the ratio of masks sold was similar to the ratio of votes obtained by each candidate.

In 2000, a few companies like Buycostumes.com decided to give it a test run.

They tracked all sales of candidates' faces, including the Vice President candidates. George W. Bush's 57% outsold Al Gore's 43%. A few days later, Bush beat Gore in the actual election, but it was very close as they both obtained 48% of the votes.

Meanwhile, a franchise convenience store was testing the same theory with a different product. The well-known 7-Eleven, home of the Slurpee, had created different colored coffee cups. Blue was chosen for the Democratic representative, red for the Republican.

The company tallied a vote for that candidate for each cup sold. In the 2000 election, George W. Bush's red cup was chosen over Al Gore's by only 1%. This is surprisingly close to the actual election results.

The idea was tested again in 2004. Buycostumes.com created more masks of Bush and this time,

John Kerry. Bush masks were tallied at 53% while Kerry came in at 47%. At 7-Eleven, Bush's red cups sold 51% and Kerry's blue cup sales reached 49%. In the actual election Bush had 51% of the vote to Kerry's 48%. Again, this was very close to the 7-Eleven polls.

This year, Buycostumes.com tracked the sales state by state and included all of the candidates and their choices for Vice Presidents rather than just the frontrunners.

Still, Obama won with 55% of the sales to McCain's 45%. 7-Eleven tallied the votes as Obama at 60% and McCain at 40%. The actual results were 51% to 48% with Obama winning.

The statistics say everything. Should we even bother watching election night? In another four years, we will have the Presidential Election results on Halloween.

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Factory farms produce more than meat

Unsanitary conditions plague animals and the surrounding areas

Dana D'Ambrosia
Staff Writer

Factory farms have negative effects not just on the lives and well-being of animals but also on the lives and well being of humans due to the huge amounts of pollution that come from them every day.

Factory farms are not farms so to speak. They are factories where huge amounts of animals are tortured and slaughtered in order to mass-produce meat, which is mass-consumed.

Due to the huge amounts of animals kept in such small spaces on these factory farms, there are massive amounts of manure produced there. The manure and urine are funneled into massive waste lagoons.

These lagoons are not properly maintained and, more often than not, they leak. This is extremely harmful because there are urine, dangerous microbes, nitrates and drug-resistant bacteria in the feces.

These toxins are then able to seep into ground water, polluting the water supply that people use to drink, bathe, etc. However, it does not stop at water pollution. The lagoons also emit toxins into the air, such as ammonia, hydrogen sulfide and methane. So the factory farms are not only polluting the water supply but the air as well.

Furthermore, the waste is frequently sprayed onto fields as fertilizer. This expands the surface area where the waste is able to leak into the water supply and air.

People who live or work near factory farms breathe in these harmful substances every day and sometimes the stench can be almost unbearable. Unfortunately, the smell is the least of the environmental concerns.

Hydrogen sulfide can be extremely dangerous to human health and its effects are irreversible. It can cause sore throats, seizures, comas and, in some cases, death.

Other gases associated with factory farms have been known to cause headaches, shortness of breath, wheezing, diarrhea and

excessive coughing. Several disease outbreaks have also been associated traced to bacteria and viruses from waste.

When factory farms move into communities, the pollution that they bring causes increased rates of neurological disorders, respiratory diseases, miscarriages, bacterial infections and stomach ailments. Sometimes the contamination leaves people permanently disabled or even dead.

One-quarter of workers on factory farms that farm hogs experience chronic health effects like bronchitis. This is more than twice as often as workers in traditional hog farming.

Due to the crowding on factory farms and the widespread disease among the animals, antibiotics are frequently fed to the animals to keep them alive and help them grow larger. These antibiotics are entering the food chain because people eat the animals that have been fed mass amounts of antibiotics.

This poses the problem of people developing antibiotic resistant bacteria, which may make it harder to treat human disease in the future.

According to a new report by a coalition of environmental groups, manure spills and dumping from factory farms caused the death of 13 million fish in the late 1990s. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimated that factory farms contributed to the impairment of 110 shellfish beds in 1995.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ **There is absolutely no inevitability as long as there is a willingness to contemplate what is happening.** ”

Marshall McLuhan

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Grassroots technology moves youth voters

Barack Obama used new ways to reach influential voters

Dustin Good
Staff Writer

The youth quake has officially taken the United States of America by storm. Young voters have spoken in record numbers and they have chosen Barack Obama as President. Even Fox News spent significant amounts of time during its post-election coverage to address the impact of the youth quake that shook the traditional political landscape of the United States in 2008.

Over a year ago in August 2007, with the help of two student colleagues, Emily Cittadino and Chad Daniels, and my advisor, Dr. Caroline Kaltefleiter, I put the finishing touches on a paper predicting Barack Obama would be the next president of the country. Our argument's foundation was in Obama's campaign strategy.

He reached out to young voters, organizing the youth vote of America on the internet using social networking websites and new communication media like YouTube and turned that organization into a mobilized grassroots campaign strategy. I presented the paper in Cluj, Romania at the 2007 AUDEM (Alliance of Universities for Democracy) conference last November and it was met with heavy criticism by a small minority and as a nice little undergraduate hypothesis by most.

Only those plugged in to YouTube and social networking culture could have seen this as far out as we did. Only the surfers of the World Wide Web could see that November 4, 2008 would be a date to remember.

Short excerpts from the paper are included below:

“In his campaign to win the 2008 United States president election, Barack Obama has actively sought to understand and officially acknowledges the political concerns of the 18-24-year old demographic as seen through the emerging youth cyber political movement on the internet. Obama is mobilizing a traditionally ignored group.”

“Contemporary theorists have labeled this generation of collegians as unmotivated, lazy and apathetic drones who escape the real world in cyber space as avatars, internet user's digital representations of themselves, in the form of either a three-dimensional model, or two-dimensional icon, hiding behind artificial aliases, recognizable only as pseudonyms.

These improperly labeled drones are the longhaired, tie-dyed shirt-wearing hippies of their generation, taking their political plight onto the vast pages of cyber space, mobilizing their political revolution in cyber-space. Gone are the days of perambulating students organizing against the establishment in campus quads.

These cyber-political activists began influencing the 2008 United States presidential election in the summer of 2006.”

“The group Students for Barack Obama is over 10,000 strong, making it the third-largest Obama advocating group on the website Facebook.com. Students for Barack Obama is the official student wing of Obama's presidential campaign and is comprised of high school, college, graduate, and law students.

Describing their mission on Facebook.com the group aims ‘to change American politics by helping to elect Barack Obama President of the United States.’ The group was founded in the summer 2006 as a petition urging the Senator to run for President in 2008 and has since developed offline into one of the largest grassroots student movements in history and is an integral part of Obama's campaign.

Students for Barack Obama has registered over 500 chapters in colleges and universities across the United States. The three largest Obama advocating groups on Facebook.com total over 450,000 users and counting, as numbers increase each day. This grassroots student movement is one of the largest and most successful campaigns in history.

If the last two closely contested political elections in the United States are any indications, the consequences of lack of recognition of the youth cyber political movement could potentially make the difference in the election. Thus one must recognize Barack Obama as the front runner for the presidency of the United States.

This anticipated historic turnout is founded in Obama's recognition of the youth movement's political communication through a now generationally intrinsic new media medium.”

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their lives and died to have the basic freedoms such as the right to vote.

Don't use the excuse that you do not know enough about the candidates or because you are too busy to run down to the polls on Election Day. Think about what your life would be like if you had no voice and were told what you have to do and there was nothing you could do about it. It is important to exercise your right to vote today as an honor to those who have fought so hard to get us to where we are today.

On Tuesday, 14 million more voters came out to the polls than in the past, which is a wonderful sign that Americans are taking their futures into their own hands. We cannot forget those men and women who risked their lives just so we could have the right to vote. It is the duty of every American to exercise their right to vote for whatever their individual reasons may be.

Tricks and treats: Halloween 2008 at Cortland



provided by Jim Casey
Jim Casey as Quail Man from "Doug" (left) and Derek Allen as old-school basketball player (right).



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Alexander Greif and Lindsey Bland as two vines of grapes.



provided by Rob Armstrong
From left to right: Chris Marco, Rob Armstrong, Tim Crockett and Matt Hoey as the Channel 4 News Team in "Anchorman."



provided by Millie France
Millie France as Lola Bunny and Xavier Rodriguez as Bugs Bunny from "Space Jam."



provided by Chad Reinhardt
From left to right: Chad Reinhardt, Nick Woodard, TJ Woodruff, Jamie Barrett and Matt Cornell as characters from the show "Sesame Street."



provided by Christopher Moljo
From left to right: Christopher Moljo as Grimace, Ben Call as Ronald McDonald and Greg Kroohs as the Hamburglar.



provided by Kelsey Delmotte
Kelsey Delmotte, senior, as a pin-up girl (left) and Katie Townsend, senior, as Pippi Longstocking (right).



provided by Jon Carey
Jon Carey as the Joker nurse from the summer blockbuster, "The Dark Knight."



photo by Brittany Hays
Senior Nick Bradman as Barack Obama (second from left) with Ronnie Hess (left) and friends as the Secret Service Agents.



provided by Brandon Herwick
Brandon Herwick poses with his 494-lb pumpkin, in which he carved the Cortland "C." The pumpkin was grown by Bernie Potter, nurtured by Matt Ver Schneider and shown by his daughter, Bernice Potter-Masler.



provided by Kara Burns
Kara Burns as Juno MacGuff and Ryan Ingall as Paulie Blecker from the smash-hit Fox Searchlight film, "Juno."

Cortland's 23rd Annual Gospel Choir Festival



provided by Vicky Paz

All four choirs unite on stage together for the grand finale of the show.

Cortland's Gospel choir performs with local guest choirs

Samantha Ficken & Jessica Leopoldo
Staff Writers

There are so many ways to express your faith and beliefs and this past Sunday, Nov. 2, the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir, and three visiting choirs definitely proved their devotion to their faith through song and dance in the Corey Function Room during their 23rd annual Gospel Choir Music Festival.

Gospel Choir Director and Distinguished Professor, Dr. Samuel L. Kelley, hosted the

program and introduced the various choirs to the audience.

After Dr. Kelley's introduction, Casey Hahl, president of the SUNY Cortland Student Government Association, welcomed everyone to the festival, and Rev. Janet Adair Hansen opened the celebration with a prayer.

"We are thankful for the great support from faculty, staff, and members of the community," said Hahl.

The festival was like a celebration; a celebration of faith that everyone could be apart of. The songs encouraged people to

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Political and social artwork call for change

Artist Josh MacPhee spoke about his work in the Dowd gallery

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

Dowd Fine Arts Gallery is currently featuring "Paper Politics," a thought provoking exhibition that displays images calling for social change.

The curator for the show is Josh MacPhee, an artist and activists who creates his own prints and gave a presentation on the history of print making and its importance around the world.

In his speech, MacPhee explained that prints are a very interesting way to get public information across to the people.

By simply walking down the

street and coming across a print, people can gain useful knowledge about pressing issues in a simple glance. Whether or not one agrees with the message is not the point of the prints.

The idea is to simply get the message into the public's head and get people thinking and discussing the issues.

MacPhee explained that before the 1960's, print making was very elitist, and often, only trained artists would create prints.

However, during and after the 60's, there was a large boom in the industry and new forms of the art sprang up.

Many prints began to send out political messages to the public through simple and straightforward images and text. Sometimes the prints were amusing, with statements such as

"Vote-Agra, Cures Electoral Dysfunction." Some were witty, reading, "Keep Your Coins, I Want Change" Others were serious, stating, "Prison Will Never Prevent the Reason for Crime" Not matter what the tone of the piece, all of these prints conveyed a meaning that few could ignore.

Because this boom took place during an era of such musical diversity and influence, political and anarchist groups often mixed with music images to get their own messages across to a wider public.

Prints would be posted and distributed at popular concerts where large groups of people would see them.

Not only were the prints political, many feminist groups also joined in the new force.

Guerrilla Girls was a feminist group located in New York City that promoted the role of women and art, and stated that the media was not responsive enough to women's needs.

During the 1970's, printmaking began to lift off the page in the form of stenciling. The art would be spray painted onto walls and streets, making the image more concrete than a mere piece of paper.

A national patriotic movement in Mexico, the Santanistas, used this method of prints when they spray painted the shadow image of a man in a distinct hat onto brick walls to remind people of their movement.

Many print makers used this method of taking a simple image and turning it into a "revolutionary brand" of sorts where everyone could affiliate the image with the movement or group.

MacPhee also talked about the late 1980's AIDS epidemic, in which 50,000 people died of the disease in 1989 alone.

The government and so called "legitimate outlets" of news



photo by Rebecca Greenland

This piece incorporates McDonald's golden arches.

information (such as popular newspapers and magazines) did not address the pressing issue, so many activists took to print making to publicize the hushed up epidemic.

The public could not ignore the issue when there were prints on every street corner, and the art helped to raise awareness.

One print making technique that MacPhee discusses, is to take popular icons that people see in the media every day, and switch around the message.

A print like this is on display in Dowd. It shows the image of the upside-down golden McDonald's arches (making a "W"), and underneath the arches it reads, "I'm bombing it."

The idea is to twist a pop icon to convey a deeper meaning and/or criticize the company.

MacPhee also spoke about how dull many political

advertisements are. "Politics can be really bright, colorful, and interesting. A lot of politics is really boring."

These prints show that politics does not have to be boring, but can in fact be attractive and interesting while still conveying a deeper and more important meaning.

Josh MacPhee has a website where interested individuals can purchase his and other's prints.

The website's name is Justseeds/Visual Resistance Artists' Cooperative, and is "A decentralized community of artists who have banded together to both sell their work online in a central location and to collaborate with and support each other and social movements."

It is a place to find out about current events in radical art and culture. The website can be viewed at justseeds.org.

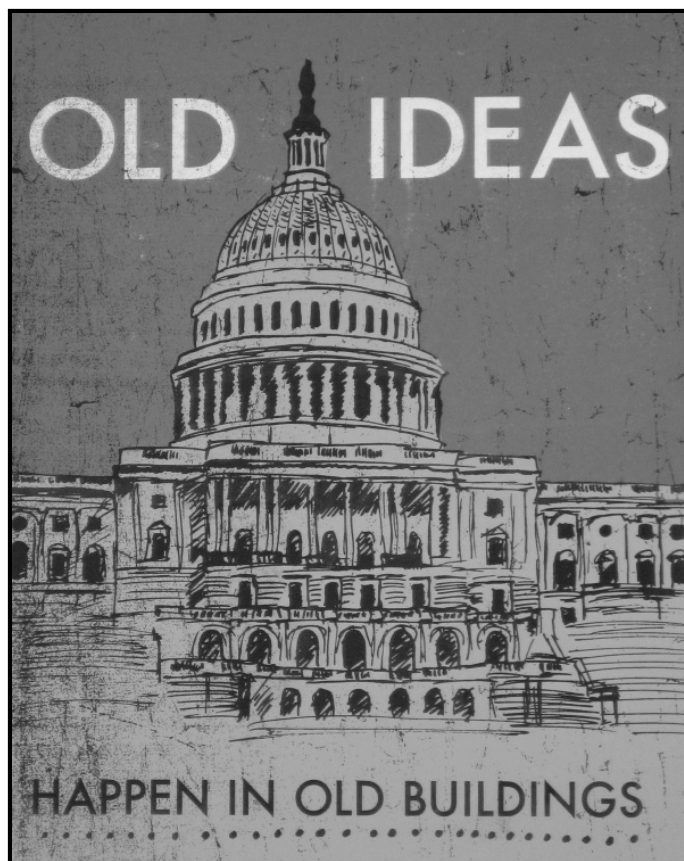


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Here, MacPhee expresses that politics are often boring.

Cortland arts celebration auction goes online

The online art auction will go live on Saturday Nov. 22

David Beale
Contributing Writer

The Cultural Council of Cortland County presents the "Cortland Arts Celebration Auction" online at www.cortlandarts.cmarket.com.

The auction will continue online through Nov. 21 and then go live at the second Annual Arts Celebration Dinner Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Corey Union Building on the Cortland Campus.

The auction contains over 45 items by local artists with new items being added daily. Site visitors are invited to bid for the purchase of high-quality art work from local artists for the holiday season without leaving home.

"All works have been generously donated by artists who support the Cultural Council,"

explains David Beale, Executive Director.

"The quality of the work is both a testament to our artist community and to the enthusiastic support the Cultural Council receives."

The funds raised from the auction will be earmarked for fostering the arts and culture in and around Cortland County.

The user-friendly auction web site works much as Ebay does. The bidder can enter a straight bid on any item, or a maximum bid that will increase by the smallest increment needed to be high bidder up to the designated Maximum Bid.

Maximum Bids can be increased at any time. Bidders can receive notifications of bids and overbids by email.

The online auction will culminate in a live event during the second Annual Arts Celebration Dinner held at the Corey Union Building on SUNY Cortland Campus Saturday, Nov. 22.

A preview with hors-d'oeuvres begins at 6 pm, with a

buffet dinner at 7 p.m. The live auction will begin at 7:45 p.m. Tickets, \$30 each or \$55 per couple, must be purchased in advance.

There will be both a live auction and a silent auction of items. Online bidders not attending the dinner auction can register an Absentee Maximum Bid online that will be made by a stand-in proxy during the live event.

Tickets, which should be purchased by Nov. 14, are available at The Picture House, 85 Homer Ave, in Cortland. They can also be reserved by phone at 607-753-7786 or by email at staff@cortlandevents.com.

Items include many paintings in various media and styles, sculpture, jewelry, a quilt hanging, an "Elegant Lady" painted on a vintage door, and more.

Be sure to check out the event at www.cortlandarts.cmarket.com, join in the fun and bid often.

The auction presents an excellent opportunity to support our local culture and economy.



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Codas Part XXXVII: So, you have forgotten me

The Author finds himself surrounded by a deafening peace

Andrew Hamilton
Contributing Writer

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The Author arose to his feet, blinking with disbelief at his surroundings.

A pure, starlit sky lay overhead and yet the ground on which he stood was warmed as if by the noonday sun.

The terrain itself seemed to be composed of cotton-like, peach-colored clouds and yet patches of grass and trees of fruit untouched by mortal man grew from the cumulus puffs as if they were on solid ground.

Indeed, the Author stood upon a cloud himself that felt like a sea of the softest down beneath his feet.

Before the Author stood an angel, dark and beautiful in all of his natural parts; the single blemish in the seraph's figure was the form of a pale young woman that extended from his side where his left shoulder should have been.

The lady was smiling at the Author as she held herself up by clinging to the angel's neck, though the angel's face was quite grim.

"This is the Celestial Height." The woman said sweetly. "It's beautiful, isn't it?"

The Author could only nod, for he was dumbfounded by the bewildering peace that surrounded him.

If ever anyone believed that souls went to "a better place" after leaving their dead bodies behind, that person's imagination of such a place could do nothing to even encompass the absoluteness of the serenity that the Author felt at that moment.

He had felt such an overwhelming sense of love and acceptance once before while he was alive, when he was touched by Emanuel, the child who was the Second Coming of the Son.

"Who are you?" The Author at last managed to rasp through his dry throat as happy tears welled in his eyes.

The young lady frowned, her eyes trailed to the ground disappointedly. "So, you have forgotten me..."

The bronze-skinned angel waved his hand dismissively. "Such is the folly of man."

"A long time ago, years ago, you loved me," the woman whispered sadly, she seemed unable to place any strength in her voice.

"And I loved you. Do you remember?" She held forth her hand to the Author. "You held this hand at my bedside, and I told you how I loved to watch the changing

of the seasons. You were at my deathbed A[...]"

I deeply apologize. It hurts too much for me to go on. I must forego the rest of this dialogue for the sake of my heart, for I cannot think of that dear woman without feeling a deepening sensation of death within me.

The fact that she was saddened by the Author's inability to recognize her as his only and truest love makes the writing of this chapter an insupportable torment for me. In the interest of completing this tale as only the truth would have it, I will skip over this portion for my own sake.

If I am alive when I have penned the finishing touches to this story, I shall make a revised edition of this text with a more detailed account of the Author's meeting with his lost lover, and the dark seraph, Gebler.

The story shall now resume after the Author has at last remembered the name of the fair lady whose body stood in the place of Gebler's left arm, Georgiana.

The darkling angel Gebler brushed a tear from Georgiana's cheek. "Peace, darling girl."

The man is only a human; you cannot forsake his wicked mind for the folly that is inherent in it."

Georgiana would not stop crying. Gebler turned his gaze grimly toward the Author and placed his inhumanly powerful hand on the terrified old man's shoulder.

"It is for this reason that the creation of man must disappear from the Father's creation."

Gebler's grip tightened on the Author's shoulder. Suddenly the peace and serenity of the Celestial Height was lost to pain and a rage that hung in the air like a deadly pox.

The Author roared painfully. "Let go. What are you doing?" "The world shall be renewed," Gebler chanted coldly.

"And man's impurity shall not be allowed to trespass on earth any longer."

The Son and his Guardian's will fail, and we angels, the Father's most blessed race, shall claim dominion over the world we have preserved despite the taint of humanity."

The Author's knees buckled. "But the Father loves all of his creations." He looked straight into the face of the dark seraph. "He loves us all!"

"No! Humans were only created in Eden as a test of the Father's will. He merely wished to see how a race that was not instilled with his grace, unlike angels, could exist."

He made the paradise of the earth for that purpose." Gebler spit into the Author's face. "And what did you do? Humans betrayed our Lord."

They were banished from Eden, and have since done nothing but ravage the planet that deserved better use.

As the Right Hand of the Creator, I cannot allow his world to be tainted by human hands any longer!"

It was at that moment that the Author felt a surge of strength that came from a source that could only be explained as a miracle divine.

The pain the Author felt at Gebler's grip suddenly subsided, and the Author's legs were able to push against the angel's strength as he rose back to his feet.

"And who are you to judge us?" The Author seized Gebler's arm and glared into the seraph's darkling eyes as he roared with the strength of a lion. "Who are you to interpret the will of a god?"

Gebler's face twisted with a combination of fear and disgust. He growled with a rage unmatched by mortal vocal chords and with his prodigious strength he thrust the Author away from him.

The old writer tumbled backward for nearly a mile across the clouds, at last coming to a painful halt as his back slammed against an apple tree growing out of a nimbus formation.

To be continued:

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Classical Music Festival in Cortland

Enjoy an afternoon of classical music at The Blue Frog Cafe

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There will be a Classical Music Festival on Sunday Nov. 16, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Blue Frog Coffeehouse, 64 Main Street in Cortland, NY.

It will feature music for brass ensemble, violin, flute, voice and piano, an a capella vocal ensemble and a musicologist.

Enjoy an afternoon of classical music in an informal atmosphere. Admission is free.

The festival will begin with the Crown City Brass at 1 p.m. including both Renaissance pieces and more popular tunes like "Route 66" and "Bill Bailey".

This will be followed by CHS soprano Hannah Owens accompanied by Prof. Stephen

Wilson performing music of Gounod and Scarlatti.

Then CHS composer Emmanuel Sikora, who recently won the competition organized by the Cultural Council, will present some of his recent works for piano.

At 2 p.m. Tekla Babyak, a graduate student in musicology at Cornell University, will share her musical and historical insights on the music of Bach and Chopin.

At 2:30 p.m., soprano Laura Enslin, bass Bruce Paulsen and pianist Marina Gorelaya will perform songs by Hubbard Miller. Miller grew up on a ranch in Eastern Oregon and became a first-rate cowhand while coming to terms with his immense talent for music.

His music may embrace complex ideas, but never loses sight of the simplicity that is characteristic of his creative style.

At 3 p.m. Maria Mucaria will present works by women composers for solo flute and piccolo.

This will be followed by violinist Lois Pfister and pianist

Marina Gorelaya who will perform the Sonata in A major, Opus 13 by Gabriel Fauré.

Pfister will also be bringing some of her students to be part of the program

The Madrigal Singers of Cortland High School will bring the program to a close in the performance of vocal music from the Renaissance period, presenting works by William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, John Dowland and others. The Madrigals are under the direction of Ben Wells.

The Classical Music Festival series is supported by the New York State Music Fund established by the New York State Attorney General at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

More events are being planned. So check the "Events" page at CortlandMusic.Org for the latest information. For additional information on the upcoming festival, check Festival.CortlandMusic.Org or email John Sikora at mail@cortlandmusic.org

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Cortland Gospel Choir Music Festival praises the Lord

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stand up, dance and clap along. Junior Nick Battiste said, "After a really stressful week it was great to stand up and have some fun."

The music was so enjoyable and I actually felt cleansed from the hard week I had just had."

Battiste went on to say, "I really didn't expect it to be as good as it was. Each choir did amazing and the energy from every performer motivated me to get up out of my chair and dance with them."

Opening the show was the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir. Students in the choir wore matching red and white gowns and sang a variety of different songs, including "Order My Steps."

Following the Cortland Choir, Dr. Kelly sang a solo accompanied by saxophone player, Jamie Yaman, and pianist, Dorothy Thomas.

Students from SUNY Oswego followed the soloist, singing "What if God is Unhappy."

Afterwards, Binghamton University Gospel Choir livened up the stage singing "That's Why We Praise Him."

Along with their beautiful singing, the choir also clapped, danced and rapped on stage.



provided by Vicky Paz

Members of the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir prepare to perform in Corey on Sunday.

"Make some noise," sang Byron F. Canada, director of the Binghamton University Choir, as he urged the audience to participate in the musical event.

The last guest choir to appear on stage came from Syracuse University.

The students recited a passage and sang "Since I Lay My Burden Down." The choir introduced some hip-hop and clapping into their songs as well.

Many students enjoyed the performance. Senior Nate Banden said, "It gave me a feeling you only have when you get goosebumps. The hair on my arm stood up and the sounds were everything I had hoped they would be. It made me really proud of what I believed in and it was really great to see other people my age so excited about praising their Lord. It is not something you can experience everyday."

"The other choirs did fantastic and it was great for them to come down and show their support as well," said Stephen Lamaute, a member of Cortland's Gospel Choir.

Lamaute also commented, "The choir is great to be a part of and it sparked my interest in going abroad. I went on the England trip last year and since then I have been to Guatemala with Habitat for Humanity, as well as studied

abroad in Belize and this winter break in Mexico. I am also really excited for the trip to Germany and Belgium the choir will be taking in the spring."

There are a lot of opportunities to take advantage of when apart of a group such as Gospel Choir.

When asked about the view from stage, Lamaute said, "It was really amazing seeing the crowd be so responsive."

It is really encouraging and the performance went well because of that. The best part is seeing the response from the crowd especially after practicing so hard and the performance is where it all comes together."

The Cortland Choir returned to the stage to close the show with the joining of all four choirs. Baskets were passed around the audience for donations towards the Cortland choir's trip to Germany next semester. Students will be touring Germany and Belgium and are welcomed by one of the German churches.

Many would agree that the Gospel Choir Music Festival was a success. The energy on stage and around the room was a tremendous feeling, that all audience members appreciated.

Students welcome trick-or-treaters for Safe Halloween

Students welcomed Cortland children for safe trick-or-treating

Jessica Zito
Staff Writer

"Trick-or-Treat," this phrase was heard plenty of times during the recent Halloween season. The tradition of Halloween can be dated back to the tenth century when Oct. 31 became known as "All Hallows Eve."

Throughout the years this tradition has evolved into what we call Halloween today.

Whether it be the millions of jack-o-lanterns carved, the dressing up, or the distribution of countless of pieces of candy, Halloween is a holiday celebrated by many.

This year Cortland held its annual Safe Halloween trick-or-treat program, which allows all of the residence halls on campus who choose to participate, to open their doors for community children to come in and trick-or-treat in a safe environment.

This program was sponsored by a RHA program. The event has grown more popular each year and hopefully in years to come everyone on campus will participate.

Just like last year, this year's Safe Halloween was a hit. Every residence hall that chose to participate in the event had its own responsibilities.

Some buildings were required

to help advertise the event both on and off campus while others were in charge of getting decorations and food. To say the least, this event could not have been done without the communication of everyone involved.

On Oct. 30, 2008 starting at 6 p.m. the doors opened to the children.

However, in order for the children to participate they had to have a parent or guardian with them in order to make sure that they felt safe.

As a result of the amount of participation in this event this year, many dorms were decorated very festively and some of them may have even scared some of the children.

To show the families where to go most dorms offered a student tour guide to take the families around the residence halls.

Students were given a list or a symbol to know what rooms were participating so there would be little confusion.

The children coming in and out of the doors ranged from very young toddlers to young teenagers.

All of the children participating left with smiles on their faces. But what was most interesting was the college student's participation.

Many of Cortland's students got very involved with this event and enjoyed themselves just as much as the children. It was a fun and safe way for people of all ages to enjoy the night.



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Community members were able to trick-or-treat in the campus residence halls.



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Students also dressed up to help lead the children through the residence halls.

Building through the draft in MLB

Rays and Phillies set example for Major League Baseball

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Outside of the weather and the officiating, one refreshing thing to see in the World Series was two teams who have been built through the draft and not through free agency.

In the off-season, the Tigers made a splash by trading for Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis and became one of the favorites in the American League.

The Mets were the National League East favorites because they traded for Johan Santana.

When Manny Ramirez started to carry the Dodgers they were favored in the NLCS.

But sometimes those quick fixes do not trump years of scouting and development done at an organizational level like what the Rays and Phillies did to reach the World Series.

One could look at the Phillies payroll of almost \$100 million and think that they have signed a lot of big-name free agents to fill the core of their roster, as it is usually the case. But the Phillies have done an excellent job of drafting and developing the top players on their team.

The Phillies got Jimmy Rollins, Pat Burrell, Ryan Madson, Brett

Myers, Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, Cole Hamels and Shane Victorino by drafting them. They are arguably the Phillies' seven best players. Credit them with taking Ryan Howard and Cole Hamels, who both had a bit of uncertainty going into the draft.

The Rays drafts have been well-documented, mainly because they have struggled before this year and have had picks near the top or at the top of the draft every year.

The Rays have drafted Rocco Baldelli, Carl Crawford, David Price, Evan Longoria, James Shields, Andy Sonnanstine and B.J. Upton. Most would expect the number to be higher, but the Rays have done a good job with trades, in particular landing Matt Garza and Scott Kazmir.

The Rays right now have a better farm system and a younger core in the majors than the Phillies, which explains the differences in payroll, as the Phillies are paying high arbitration costs to players and have players that already have gotten contract extensions.

Building through the draft will help these teams keep long-term player salaries lower and will help with continuing success.

As for their chances next year, I'd say that the Phillies would have a better chance of returning next year. I think the Rays will improve more and possibly be the better team next year, but they have to play in the American League East where Boston and New York are

looking to reload. Also, the Blue Jays and Orioles are likely to improve from last year.

There seems to be a growing trend in baseball where teams have a better understanding of the value of prospects by drafting and developing players as opposed to signing high-dollar free agents every year.

Even the big market teams like Boston and New York are investing more into the draft and are hanging onto their prospects instead of trading them for a rental player. For any team it is smarter to invest \$3-5 million more in scouting and drafting than to go out and sign that middle reliever or bench player that costs just as much.

In another Phillies-related item, their current General Manager, Pat Gillick, is expected to retire this off-season. Gillick has been the Phillies General Manager since Nov. 2005. He was not around when the drafting of their core players happened but he has done a good job in trading for other players to help. His most notable acquisition was Joe Blanton to provide some starting pitching depth down the stretch.

Gillick's expected replacement is assistant General Manager, Ruben Amaro Jr.. Amaro beat out another Phillies front office member, Mike Arbuckle, who is currently the assistant General Manager for scouting and player development and played a vital role in the drafting of players like Utley, Hamels, Howard and the others.

National Basketball Association tip-off preview

The NBA season begins with Boston looking to repeat

Chris Ryan
Contributing Writer

The nets are up, the Spaldings are pumped and the fans are ready for basketball. As the NBA season draws near, there are compelling stories throughout the league to look forward to.

The Eastern Conference has to get more respect after the Boston Celtics captured the NBA Championship. Here is what to look for in the East with the top eight playoff contenders and players to look out for.

1) Boston: Led by Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce, the Celtics look to be the favorites to win again. However, it will be a test to see if Rajon Rondo, at point guard, can play at the same level as last year.

2) Toronto: The scrappy Raptors have been often overlooked but the addition of Jermaine O'Neal combined with young stars Chris Bosh and Jose Calderon could cause them to break out and be a force in the East.

3) Detroit: The Pistons still have the core players (Chauncey Billups, Richard Hamilton, Rasheed Wallace, Tayshaun Prince) that brought Detroit a title in 2004.

4) Cleveland: To no surprise, LeBron James is the most crucial part of the Cavs' success. He will put up MVP numbers, but their problem has been finding that consistent second guy. The acquisition of Mo Williams will help but the aging frontline of Cleveland could come back to haunt them in key situations.

5) Orlando: A young and talented Magic team should have no problem rolling through the sub-par Southeast division. Center Dwight Howard is only 22 but has matured into one of the biggest forces in the league. Michael Pietrus is looking to break out and he has the potential to cause nightmares for teams.

6) Philadelphia: The Sixers signed Elton Brand and now have the inside presence they need alongside Andre Iguodala to cause problems for big men in the Atlantic division. Andre Miller has to change his shoot-first mentality for Philadelphia to succeed.

7) Miami: The Heat, coming off an awful season in 2007-2008, shook up their lineup well enough to make the playoffs this year. Dwyane Wade looks to be the leader of a young team along with Shawn Marion. Rookies Michael Beasley and Mario Chalmers have a good chance to be big-time players in the near future for Miami.

8) Atlanta: The Hawks took the eventual champions Boston to seven games in the playoffs and have the ability to play with any team. Mike Bibby and Joe Johnson will have to be the leaders of this young roster. The inexperienced frontline of Josh Smith and Al Horford are really talented.

Honorable Mentions: Milwaukee, Chicago, Washington
Better luck next year: New York, Indiana, New Jersey

The Western Conference had about ten teams last year that could have been deep playoff contenders. Los Angeles will look to defend their West crown but could have a very tough time doing that with so much talent and hungry youngsters. Here are the top eight Western teams for this season with players to watch.

1) Los Angeles Lakers: The Lakers have the tools and talent to go back to the Finals. League MVP Kobe Bryant will look again to prove that he can win a title without Shaquille O'Neal. The big men of Andrew Bynum and Pau Gasol will look to gel together and Lamar Odom must stay healthy to get to a championship.

2) Utah: With Deron Williams, perhaps the league's most underrated player, leading the offense and Carlos Boozer coming into a contract year, the Jazz will look to relive the tandem of John Stockton and Karl Malone in Utah and take them to glory.

3) New Orleans: Chris Paul, the runner up in the MVP race, did all he could to lead the Hornets into the Western semifinals last year. Forwards David West and Tyson Chandler are both entering their primes, which could be frightening for any team in their way this year.

4) Phoenix: The Suns have a group of established stars like Steve Nash, Amare Stoudemire and Shaquille O'Neal that, when healthy, could run through the West.

5) Houston: Adding controversial but tough defender Ron Artest to Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady may propel the Rockets into the later rounds of the playoffs. If Artest is able to conquer his demons and if Yao can stay healthy, this could be a potential Finals contender.

6) San Antonio: This could be the last gasp for the Spurs' dynasty that has brought three titles in this decade. With Manu Ginobili already injured and out until December, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker must step up even more to contend.

7) Denver: Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony are a formidable tandem that will always be tough to contain. Nene, who is coming off last season's battle with cancer, will have to step up in the center spot now that Marcus Camby is gone.

8) Dallas: This Mavericks team has potential to either be a top contender or a pretender in the tough West. Jason Kidd doesn't have the stamina to play big minutes anymore while Dirk Nowitzki needs to be more consistent on the inside.

Honorable Mentions: Portland, Sacramento
Better Luck Next Year: Memphis, LA Clippers, Minnesota
MVP: LeBron James, Cleveland

Rookie of the Year: Derrick Rose, Chicago

NBA Finals: Boston over New Orleans in six games

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Ray Miles: Under the helmet

Quarterback Ray Miles has led the way for Cortland

Mark Nader
Staff Writer

The quarterback position is arguably the most recognized position in the game of football. They are often seen as the outstanding player with a great pass or game winning drive. With this position comes the celebrity aspect, as they are credited with the team's success.

Most players love this aspect of the game, but for Cortland State quarterback, Ray Miles, it leaves something to be admired.

"Being recognized individually without the rest of my guys being recognized," said Miles, when asked about his least favorite part of the game.

Growing up, everybody wants to be the one making the game-winning pass and then receive congratulations from everyone and their brother. That is nice and all, but Miles realizes without the rest of his team, he would not be as successful.

He's right. The offensive line has played as a cohesive unit. Andrew Giuliano is averaging over five yards per carry and has found the end zone 17 times. Not to be forgotten is the wide receiver core, lead by Zacc Guaragno and Eric Hajnos, who have combined for more than 60 receptions, 1,000 yards and nine touchdown receptions.

"Our run game has really been the backbone of our offense with our big O-line and Andrew in the backfield," Miles said. "So the passing game hasn't really opened up much this year. I've had good games and bad games. I'm just

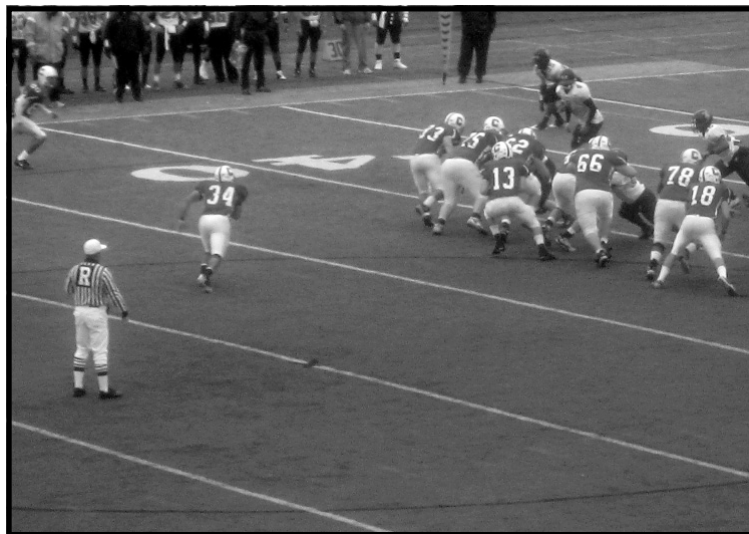


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Ray Miles has Cortland football at 8-0 on the season.

happy we are 8-0."

Bad games? The senior captain is a bit modest as well, as he has thrown a touchdown in six of eight games. On the year, Miles has thrown 12 touchdowns, 1,862 yards and has completed 61.6 percent of his passes.

Although the Red Dragons have had an outstanding year so far, there is a lot more that Miles and the rest of the team want to accomplish.

"I've never played in a game that we have beaten Ithaca or Brockport so that would be nice, as well as finishing 10-0 and going undefeated in the regular season. I've never participated in a NCAA playoff victory either," Miles added.

During the game, Miles is all about getting the win, but he tries to be a little laid-back during practice throughout the week.

"In the huddle I'm all business," Miles said. "But during the week I like to have some fun if we are being productive at practice. It's important that we're having fun doing this while we compete at the highest level we can."

As the season winds down,

so does the playing career of Miles and his fellow seniors.

"What I will miss most is being part of winning seasons every year I've been here, working with Coach Lounsbury and most recently winning the NJAC," Miles said. "That was the best feeling I've ever had."

The Red Dragons clinched the NJAC championship with a 24-18 victory over The College of New Jersey. They now will play conference opponent SUNY Brockport before facing rival Ithaca.

"Cortland will be emotional because it's my last regular season game, but at the same time I will remain focused with a 'can't lose' attitude," Miles said.

As the starting quarterback, Miles receives a lot of the credit for the team's success. However, he is the first to pass the credit to his teammates. The Red Dragons are 8-0 not because the quarterback is having the great year he is having.

"I'm working with a group of 100 guys who want it just as bad as I do," Miles said in regards to why the team is doing so well.

A nail-biter in Texas and a blowout in Georgia

Texas Tech defeats number one Texas in Big XII showdown

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It was a shootout in the Lone Star State as undefeated and number one Texas faced Big XII rival and fellow undefeated number seven Texas Tech. Texas Tech, known for its high-powered offense, set the tone early with 17 unanswered points to start the game. Quarterback Graham Harrell would finish with 474 yards and two touchdowns. Texas however, was not about to give up without a fight.

Junior quarterback and Heisman hopeful Colt McCoy would lead a Texas comeback, culminating in a four-yard touchdown run to take the lead 33-32 with less than two minutes remaining.

It was then that Harrell and the Texas Tech offense lived up to its billing. Harrell led the Red Raiders down field and connected with All-American receiver Michael Crabtree for a 28-yard, game-winning touchdown with one second remaining.

This week Texas heads home

to face Baylor, while Texas Tech faces number nine Oklahoma State.

In another conference battle the SEC's two top teams faced off as number six Georgia faced off against number eight Florida. This game was not so close with Florida dominating both sides of the ball. Raining Heisman winner Tim Tebow led the Florida Gators charge with five total touchdowns. Three were on the ground, breaking Emmitt Smith's record for most career rushing touchdowns as a Gator.

On the other side, Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford struggled with the Florida defense, throwing three interceptions. While Tebow had a career day, it was not all great, as the quarterback sprained his ankle in the third quarter. He would remain in the game and is expected to play when Florida faces off with Vanderbilt next week. Georgia will move on to face Kentucky.

In other action around the country, number five Southern California kept Washington winless with a 56-0 thrashing. Number two Alabama stayed undefeated with a 35-0 shutout of Arkansas State. The Oklahoma offense kept rolling putting up 62 points in a win against northern rival Nebraska. Utah, Boise State and Ball State all remained undefeated in their action Saturday.

Rangers strong in NHL

NHL Winter Classic 2009 set for Chicago, Detroit showdown

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Just 14 games into the NHL season, the New York Rangers seem to be clicking on all cylinders. The Rangers boast an impressive 10-3-1 record and lead the league in points with 21. Nikolai Zherdev leads New York with 12 points (5 Goals, 7 Assists). Also adding 12 points is Brandon Dubinsky (4 G, 8 A). Goaltender Henrik Lundqvist has an 8-2 record and is giving up only 1.99 goals per game this season.

In Pittsburgh, Evgeni Malkin is leading the league in scoring with 18 points (4 G, 14 A) through just 12 games. The Penguins are 6-4-2 putting them in third place in the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference. Sidney Crosby is just a few points behind Malkin with 15 (3 G, 12 A). Until a 6-3 victory over St. Louis, the Pens had a three game losing streak and had scored just four goals in those three games. The Penguins, who are coming off back to back 47 win seasons, are sitting in seventh place in the Eastern Conference as of Monday.

Reigning NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin has returned to the Washington Capitals after missing six days of games and practices. Ovechkin has only netted 5 points this season (2 G, 3A) in just eight games. Without Ovechkin, the Capitals won one game and lost

another.

Also this week, the NHL has announced confirmation that they will be hosting a NHL Winter Classic 2009 between the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks. This year's Classic will be taking place at Chicago's Wrigley Field on New Year's Day. The game will have a 1 p.m. starting time.

Last year, Pittsburgh defeated the Buffalo Sabres in front of an NHL record 71,217 fans at Buffalo's Ralph Wilson Stadium. Ice and snow made the playing surface rougher than a normal ice rink. However, the playing conditions mirrored those of the times when hockey was an outdoor sport. To make the game even more "old school", both teams wore vintage jerseys and the goaltenders wore retro-painted masks.

Out west, the Anaheim Ducks have won three out of their last four games. Forwards Ryan Getzlaf, Corey Perry and Teemu Selanne combined for a total of 28 points in those four games. Getzlaf scored a league best 10 points (2 G, 8A) during that stretch. This run has launched the Ducks into second place in the Western Conference Pacific Division. They trail the San Jose Sharks by five points.

The New York Islanders took a hit this week. They announced that goaltender Rick DiPietro will be sidelined 4-6 weeks after undergoing a second surgery on his knee to repair a torn meniscus. The struggling Islanders are at the bottom of the Atlantic Division and have a 2-7-1 record.

Phillies win the World Series

Philadelphia defeats Tampa Bay Rays to win championship

Gabe Schaub
Staff Writer

It's been a quarter-century since the city of Philadelphia has seen a championship come their way. Heartbreak after heartbreak, the city of brotherly love has become a city anxious for a title.

Last Wednesday night, the Phillies, and all of Philadelphia, had to wait no longer as they beat the Tampa Bay Rays, four games to one.

The Tampa Bay Rays received home field advantage for the series by virtue of the American League winning the All-Star Game. The World Series MVP, Cole Hamels, turned that advantage around quickly as he went seven innings and gave up two earned runs,

earning him a 3-2 victory in game one.

Equally as impressive for the Rays was pitcher James Shields in game two. He went seven innings and gave up zero earned runs in a 3-2 victory to even up the series 1-1.

In game three, Carlos Ruiz hit the first ever infield walk-off hit in World Series history to give the Phillies a 5-4 victory. They went up one game in the series, 2-1.

The bats woke up for Philadelphia in game four with first baseman Ryan Howard hitting two home runs, and pitcher Joe Blanton adding a blast of his own. Thanks to good hitting and solid pitching by Blanton, the Phillies were just one game away from a championship with a 10-2 victory.

The final game of this series was unlike any other World Series game in the history of baseball. It ended with a score of 4-3, but it took 46 waterlogged hours to complete. The beginning of this game started on Monday with Hamels pitching against Scott

Kazmir, but was suspended after six and a half innings due to rain.

At this point the score was tied 2-2, but when play resumed the Phillies quickly went up a run when the leadoff batter Geoff Jenkins scored on a blooper single. The Devil Rays answered back in the next inning when outfielder Rocco Baldelli hit a home run to tie the game.

Philly responded in the eighth inning when Pat Burrell led off the inning with a double that was just barely short of going over the fence for a home run. He then scored when Pedro Feliz lined a base hit into centerfield against a drawn-in infield.

In the ninth inning the Phillies brought in their perfect closer, Brad Lidge, who converted 47 of 47 saves this season. After a stolen base, outfielder Ben Zobrist laced a ball to right field, but it was caught. Lidge proceeded to strike out Eric Hinske to end the game and series, crowning the Phillies and the city of Philadelphia champions.

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Cortland Athletics Scores

FOOTBALL

Cortland 24
College of New Jersey 18
Next: Sat. vs. Brockport

MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 2
Oneonta 1
Next: Today vs. Geneseo

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

SUNYAC Championships-
First Place
Next: Nov. 15 @ NCAA Div. III
Atlantic Regionals

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

SUNYAC Championships-
Second Place
Next: Nov. 15 @ NCAA Div. III
Atlantic Regionals

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 1
Plattsburgh 0
Next: Today vs. Brockport

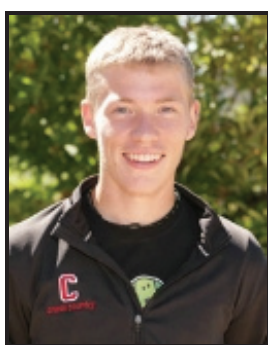
FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland 2
College of New Jersey 3
Next: TBD

MEN'S HOCKEY

Cortland 8
Lebanon Valley 3
Next: Today @ Buffalo St.

Athletes of the Week



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Seth DuBois
Men's Cross Country
Won 2008 SUNYAC
individual title



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Andi Palen
Women's Cross Country
Won 2008 SUNYAC
individual title

Football team reaches NCAA tournament

With win the Red Dragons capture share of NJAC title

Dan Curtis
Staff Writer

The Cortland football team guaranteed itself an NCAA Division III tournament berth with its 24-18 win at The College of New Jersey last Saturday. The victory also clinched at least a share of the NJAC title for the Red Dragons who remain undefeated this season at 8-0.

Last season, Cortland was tied for first in the NJAC standings but lost the head-to-head tiebreaker to The College of New Jersey. With a win against SUNY Brockport this Saturday, Cortland can secure itself sole possession of the NJAC title for 2008.

Senior tailback Andrew Giuliano set a single-season school record for rushing, with his Cortland high 17th rushing touchdown of the year. He also became the seventh player in Red Dragons history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a single-season and now stands at 1,042.

Giuliano scored all three of Cortland's touchdowns Saturday and rushed 28 times for 166 yards, gaining offensive "player of the



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Cortland football captured at least a share of the NJAC.

game" honors from the coaching staff.

Cortland Head Coach Daniel MacNeill attributes much of Giuliano's success to his offensive teammates. "Andrew Giuliano, our offensive player of the game, captured several school and personal records," said MacNeill. "All those involved in the run game certainly deserve credit."

Red Dragons senior quarterback Ray Miles threw for 193 yards on the afternoon and completed 12 of his 23 pass attempts. Late in the second quarter, Miles was picked off in the red-zone, snapping his streak of 117 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. The interception was Miles' first since Sept. 27 of this season when he threw one against Kean.

Cortland junior defensive end

Bryan Wiley had a productive day both on special teams and defense. With six seconds remaining in the first half and TCNJ leading the game 12-7, Wiley blocked an extra point attempt by TCNJ kicker Marc Zucconi, keeping Cortland's deficit at just five points at halftime. Defensively, Wiley recorded 10 tackles including two of the team's five sacks.

"Wiley is our special teams and defensive choice [for player of the game] with a blocked kick and his overall play defensively although many more players could be mentioned," MacNeill said.

Senior linebacker and defensive captain Jim Smith had a team high 14 tackles. Chris Hanlon, a sophomore defensive back, was the team's second leading tackler with 12, nine of which were unassisted.

With an NCAA Division III tournament bid already in place and two games left in the regular season, Cortland's focus remains on winning games. Coach MacNeill insists that the game plan will remain as it has been each week and that he will not rest his starters for the playoffs.

"Our game plan will change only to the extent that we are focused solely on beating Brockport," MacNeill said. "Injured players, those unable to play, will rest and recover."

Cortland is now ranked seventh in the nation on d3football.com and sixth by the AFCA. The 32-team NCAA Division III tournament will begin on Nov. 22, a week after Cortaca. Cortland's opponent in that tournament will be decided on Nov. 16.

Although it may be difficult to find areas in which Cortland can improve upon, Coach MacNeill stresses the need for his team to continue to grow and progress. "We graded out pretty well as a team, but we certainly have a need to improve on an even more consistent basis," MacNeill said.

The Red Dragons play Brockport at home this Saturday at 1 p.m., where they can gain sole possession of the NJAC title with a victory. The game is Cortland's last before facing Ithaca College for the Cortaca Jug next Saturday.

Cortland men's hockey defeats Lebanon Valley

Red Dragons men's hockey wins 8 to 3 over Lebanon Valley

John Perrotta
Contributing Writer

The Cortland men's ice hockey team defeated the Lebanon Valley Dutchmen by a score of 8 to 3 last Sunday night at Alumni Arena. Cortland, backed by goaltender Mike Mistretta, put forth an excellent effort on the ice.

Joe Leonard scored the first goal of his career when he let a shot go from the point to make the game 1-0. Later in the period, freshman Matty Davie scored his first of two goals with a pass from Kyle Haines.

Davie's goal was shorthanded and it gave the Red Dragons a big boost. However, Lebanon Valley answered quickly with two goals from Nicholas Schultz at 19:13 and Corey Conte at 19:27.

Cortland was not fazed as they entered the second period. Justin Propora, the third star of the game, scored just 48 seconds into the period to make the game 3-2.

Cortland really picked up the pace throughout the period. Jarrett

Gold scored the game winner from Patrick Palmisano and Propora at 7:13. Throughout the second period, the game began to get physical, as there were a few scuffles on the ice.

Midway through the third period, Haines took a wrist shot from the slot that passed right over Lebanon's goaltender, Aaron Miller. Schultz, of Lebanon Valley, answered quickly once again with a breakaway goal, which he put through the five hole of Mistretta.

Soon to follow on the power play, Davie scored his second goal of the game. Davie shot a one-timer, which came from a crisp pass across the ice by Bryan Elfont.

With approximately four minutes left in the game, Kyle Haines scored a power play goal, which came from a well-developed play put together by Davie and Greg Haney. Two minutes later, the creative puck movement of Brendan Wharitty and Joey Christiano fed captain Mike Maier, for his first goal of the season.

Cortland's Mistretta faced 21 shots and Lebanon's Aaron Miller faced 38. The three stars of the game were Haines, Davie, and Propora. The freshmen line which included Haines, accompanied by



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Cortland captain Gerard Heinz releases from the point.

winger Davie and Elfont, had a combined total of eight points and a great showing. The three young players moved the puck well and spent the majority of their shifts in the offensive zone.

Maier also had a good showing. He played real physical and was strong on the puck at all times. Cortland's defense, led by Propora and Gerard Heinz, remained strong throughout the game. Cortland's win was much

needed after a 6-1 loss to Oswego on Friday night.

"This win really has us headed in the right direction," said Palmisano. "It has put us in a good position to take four points this upcoming weekend against Buffalo State and Fredonia. If all goes well we can keep a good thing going."

The Red Dragons' next home game will take place on Nov. 14 against Morrisville.